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REMARKS

Claims 25-34 and 52-59 are withdrawn from examination. Applicants reserve the right to file the withdrawn claims in a divisional application.

This amendment is filed pursuant to a telephonic interview of July 30, 2003. Applicants' attorney wishes to thank the Examiner for the cordial discussion.

Claims 52 and 57 were discussed and it was agreed they would be canceled, without prejudice, because they seem incompatible (not of the same group) with claims that are currently being examined. All claims depending on claim 52 and claim 57 are also canceled. Applicants reserve the right to file claims 52-59 in a divisional application for examination.

It was also agreed that applicants' would file a Terminal Disclaimer limiting the terms of any patent issuing on the present application (serial no. 09/544,992) to run concurrently with the terms of the patent issuing from application serial no. 09/543,531. The Terminal Disclaimer is filed concurrently herewith.

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It is believed this Amendment addresses all issues discussed relative to this application and the examined claims (1-24, 35-51) are now in a condition for allowance which is solicited.

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